ST. FAITH'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 11th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Admissions Consultation for September 2026

Governors of St Faith's CE Primary School are proposing to make two amendments to the school admissions policy effective *from September 2026*. The **Draft Admissions Policy for 2026-2027** is available on our website here: https://www.st-faiths.hants.sch.uk/admissions/ with proposed changes highlighted in yellow.

St Faith's is a Voluntary Aided school. As such, the St Faith's Governing Board is the admission authority for the school, in accordance with Schools Admission Code 2021, section 1.45 to 1.48. As we are proposing making changes to the school's admissions criteria, we must now consult on admissions arrangements (including any supplementary information forms) that will apply for admission applications the following school year. The term 'admission arrangements' means the overall procedure, practices and oversubscription criteria used in deciding on the allocation of school places.

The proposed changes are on page 2 and 6 under Oversubscription Criteria and Definitions (iii) as follows:

Proposed Amendment A - Relating to Oversubscription Criteria 4

Existing	"4) Children who at the time of application have a sibling on the roll of the school who was attending prior to September 2019 and will still be on roll at the time of admission."
Proposed	*"4) Children who at the time of application have a sibling (see definition iv) on the roll of the school and who also had a sibling on roll in the academic year 2018-2019 or prior."*

Why are we proposing to make this change?

This proposed amendment is a way to uphold the written and moral assurances that were historically given to families already at the school at the time of the previous Admissions Consultation (November 2017) to keep siblings together. It only affects a very small number of families whose first child was on roll in 2018-2019 or prior.

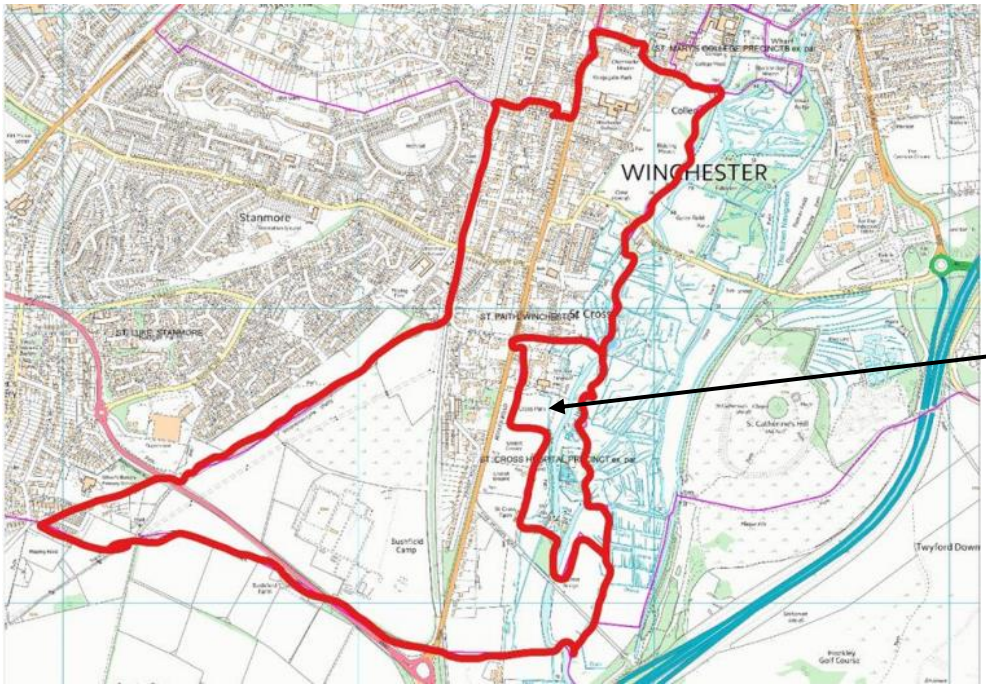
Proposed Amendment B – Relating to Definition iii)

The school's catchment area will be expanded to include the St Cross Hospital precinct. In the 2026-2027 Draft Admissions Policy (2026-2027) we have included the Parish Boundary Map and added in text to clarify that *from* ***2026-2027 the catchment area will include the St Cross Hospital precinct, shown by the smaller red boundary below***. This change will ultimately be reflected on the website above.

Why are we proposing to make this change?

This would mean that the school's catchment would align more closely with Parish boundaries. Children of families living within the St Cross Hospital Precinct would now be considered as 'in catchment' of St Faith's CE Primary School.

Image 1: Supporting graphic for Proposed Amendment B which outlines the change to the St Faith's CE Primary School catchment, to include the St Cross Hospital Precinct.



*From **2026-2027 the catchment area will additionally include the St Cross Hospital precinct, shown by the smaller red boundary.***

The consultation schedule is as follows:

- Consultation Period: **Monday 11th November to Friday 20th December 2024.**
- Deadline to formally agree admission arrangements – **28th February 2025.**
- Deadline to publish on school website – **15th March 2025.**

We are required by law to consult with:

1. Parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen;
2. Other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions;
3. All other admission authorities within the relevant area;
4. Whichever of the governing body and the local authority who are not the admission authority;
5. Any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority; and
6. In the case of schools designated with a religious character, the body or person representing the religion or religious denomination. (The Diocese).
7. Please note that elements not highlighted are not part of this consultation and remain unchanged.

If you have any comments or questions please email the Governing Board at admissions-consultation@st-faiths.net **before 12 noon on Friday 20th December 2024.**

Kind regards,

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